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MORRISON ADVISED TO "KEEP STILL"

Instructed to Say Nothing About Discovery of Long-Lost Government Voucher

BY CHIEF OF THE CONSULAR BUREAU

Latter Said it Would Not be Advisable to Mention it, as Matter Was Being Investigated—Ex-Clerk Denby Tells of System of Making Vouchers Cover Other Expenses Than the One Indicated.

Washington, June 16.—Thomas Morrison, disbursing clerk of the state department, told the house committee on expenditures today that he was instructed to say nothing about the discovery of a long-lost government voucher.

Instructed by his chief, Morrison said he was given this instruction by Mr. Carr, chief of the consular bureau.

Hamlin Draws Out the Statement.

The disclosure was made when Chairman Hamlin asked him if he had made any further attempt since his examination a few days ago to discover how the long missing voucher came to be on the floor of his office.

I was instructed not to say much about it," Mr. Morrison testified.

"Who instructed you not to say much about it?"

Carr said it was Mr. Carr.

"Well, you must know who you talked to about it?"

"Yes, Mr. Carr told me not to discuss the matter. He said it was not advisable to say much about it, as it would be investigated."

Letter from Consul General Denby.

The serious view of the matter by state department officials was reflected in a copy of a letter from Consul General Denby, consul general at Vienna, Austria, former chief clerk of the state department under Secretary Root when the first investigation of the \$2450 voucher for an \$850 portrait was made.

Secretary Knox submitted this letter, dated Vienna, May 11, 1911, and a cablegram previously received.

Matter Previously Investigated.

Answering Mr. Knox's first cablegram for an explanation of the portrait payment, Mr. Denby cabled from Vienna on May 20.

"No written report was made. Careful preliminary investigation failed to convince department and financial charges could be sustained."

Denby's Explanation.

Reporting by mail, Mr. Denby explained that the discrepancy as to the

voucher was discovered in 1908, when the department negotiated for a portrait of Secretary Hay, and that prior to the discovery of the voucher it had been paid for a number of expenses out of the appropriation allowed to the department to be expended at the secretary's discretion.

Irregularities Under Hay.

As to the result of the investigation conducted by the department in 1908, which, Mr. Denby says, was never known outside of the department, the former chief clerk reported:

"How far the alleged irregularities in the use of the particular fund in question were within the knowledge of Secretary Hay could not be ascertained, as he died in 1905, in which year Mr. Morrison went as consul to Calcutta. Such practices were not continued under Secretary Root, but reports were brought to my knowledge which indicated that the practice had existed previously."

The Incident Passed Over.

"In view of the entire lack of reliable proof of misappropriation of funds the inevitable unpleasant criticism of the incident was passed over and no official action was taken."

Paid \$2450 to Michael.

Mr. Morrison explained to the committee further today that on the day he paid the \$2450 to Michael, he ordered his clerk to insert the words "two hundred and fifty dollars" in the printed vouchers at a brickyard at New York.

After he had paid the money to Michael he inquired what the payment was for and was told in Michael's office that it was for the Day portrait.

Notations Not on Voucher Then.

"Then he immediately instructed the clerk to write on the voucher that it was for that picture. Notations on the back which had been made in the emergency payments for diplomatic business, Mr. Morrison said, were not on the voucher that day."

JOHN O'NEILL'S SKULL CRUSHED IN BY CLUB.

Three Polanders Being Held for Murder at Middletown.

Middletown, Conn., June 16.—As a result of his attempts to act as a peacemaker in a fight between several Polanders at a brickyard at New York, John O'Neill was killed.

O'Neill was killed by a club which he had picked up and thrown at the head of one of the Polanders.

The man was about 50 years old, unmarried, and was known as John O'Neill.

He had been in the country for about two years and it is believed that previous to that time he had lived in Chicago.

At the close of the inquest by Coroner Davis tonight he ordered William Schowinsky and John and Frank Skowinsky held for the grand jury.

The men were locked up in the local police station. As near as could be ascertained, the fight started over the ownership of a mattress.

OBSTACLES TO PROSECUTION OF BOSS COX MULTIPLY.

Prosecuting Attorney at His Wit's End to Establish Perjury Charge.

Cincinnati, O., June 16.—Unless prosecuting Attorney Henry T. Hunt can devise some plan which now appears unknown to legal authorities the end of the case in which George B. Cox, political leader and financier, was charged with perjury, was reached today.

On hearing a motion by the prosecuting attorney to dismiss the case, Judge William Dickson overruled the motion. He also quashed the second indictment against Cox.

He announced that he would elect that Cox be tried on the first indictment. He quashed the second indictment because the prosecution's purpose to bring Cox to trial on the other indictment.

RECEIVED A SHOCK FROM BRASS FAUCET.

Newark Man Charges a Fellow Employee With Assault.

Newark, N. J., June 16.—James M. Finnegan, employee of an electric company at Harrison, was charged today with long distance assault by electricity.

Finnegan was charged with having struck a fellow workman, Van Riper, with a wire and a long distance assault by electricity.

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Cabled Paragraphs

Trifist, Austria, June 16.—The reports emanating from Vienna of fatalities here resulting from the recent hurricane, were greatly exaggerated. So far as known not more than twenty-five lives were lost in this vicinity.

Vilagarcia, Spain, June 16.—Advices from Pontevedra state that the Spanish authorities stopped and seized at the railroad station three cars filled with arms and ammunition and destined for the use of Portuguese monarchists.

Vigo, Spain, June 16.—General Porfirio Diaz, former president of Mexico arrived in the harbor today on the steamer Ypiranga on which he sailed from Vera Cruz, Mexico on May 31. The steamer anchored in the bay at 6.30 o'clock this morning.

Lisbon, June 16.—The government's efforts to crush the reported royalist movement continue. The late General Campos, a retired general of the Portuguese army and Saldanha Gama, the Miguelist leader, were arrested charged with conspiracy against the republic.

"EFFORTS AT CORRUPTION BY SHAMELESS LOBBY."

Senator Judson Discusses Utilities Action in Strong Language.

Bridgeport, Conn., June 16.—In an interview Senator Judson said: "Connecticut has once again had the spectacle presented, as it did two years ago, of the bribery efforts at corruption of a shameless lobby. Those like myself who have had long legislative experience had never before witnessed such a large number of lobbyists as have swarmed about the corridors for the past few days. Mr. Mellan made a statement to the press some months ago that the New Haven road did not employ a lobbyist. 'People of fair degree of experience asked at that time what Mr. Mellan meant by a statement—were so-called legal expenses a convenient cover for lobby obligations? One week ago a large majority of the house favored the minority bill in such a manner that the amendment to the Banks amendment could have passed. The people of Connecticut demand an honest bill.'"

BIRTH OF BEET SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Henry T. Oxnard Tells of Selling His Refinery to Sugar Trust.

Washington, June 16.—The story of the birth of the beet sugar industry in America, its trials and temptations, and how the Oxnard brothers were enriched by more than half a million dollars, is told in a "little transaction" of selling their cane sugar refinery in Brooklyn to the first sugar trust.

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Tons of Mud on Deck of Maine

PREVENTS SATISFACTORY EXAMINATION BEING MADE.

IS FIVE OR SIX FEET THICK

Will Have to Be Removed by Streams of Water from Powerful Pumps—Slight Leak in Cofferdam.

Havana, June 16.—"No further developments of importance in the unearthing of the wreck of the battleship Maine are probable within the next ten or twelve days," said General W. H. Bixby this evening, after a circumnavigation of the wreck in a launch by the board of American officers who are supervising the work. These officers made a minute examination of all portions of the ship now exposed to view.

Tons of Mud to Be Removed.

This survey convinced the board that before further excavation is possible it will be necessary to remove masses

of mud, aggregating hundreds of tons, on the spar deck and almost completely filling the interior spaces of the ill-fated vessel. The greater portion of the mud is a tenacious, tar-like mass, extremely difficult of disintegration and removal, and completely prevents any satisfactory examination being made.

Five or Six Feet Thick.

In many places it is five or six feet thick, and can only be removed by the use of streams of water projected by the most powerful pumps. This is especially to be observed on the starboard side of the quarterdeck, which is completely buried under great banks of the mud.

Slight Leakage in Cofferdam.

The water level in the cofferdam tonight stood at ten feet below normal, which is somewhat higher than it was this morning, owing to a cessation of pumping and a consequent slight accumulation of water. This leakage will necessitate the caulking of some sections of the cofferdam.

Won't Take Least Risk.

General Bixby says that constant observations by the most delicate instruments do not reveal the least indication of the instability of the wreck, but that the board of officers is determined not to take the least risk. The board's established policy is to continue the work with the utmost deliberation regardless of the amount of time it may involve.

Many Visitors to Wreck.

The board has been very much embarrassed by the enormous number of visitors to the wreck who are drawn there mainly by curiosity and interfere seriously with the workmen.

Steel Structure Has Deteriorated.

The principal result of the investigation of the wreck today was the discovery that the deterioration of the steel structure is so great as gravely to imperil the project of placing bulkheads in and floating out the rear section of the battleship.

Will Pay Usual Dividend.

Mexico City, Mexico, June 16.—Notwithstanding the losses incurred by the National Railways of Mexico during the revolution, a dividend of four per cent, in preferred stock will be paid as usual, Ernesto Madero, the new minister of finance, said today.

For Jewish Chaplains in Army.

Washington, June 16.—There should be some Jewish chaplains in the army, in the opinion of Representative Sulzberger of New York, who introduced a bill today providing for two additional chaplains.

Every Employee a Deputy Sheriff.

Grand Rapids, Mich., June 16.—Acting on orders received from Circuit Judge McDonald, Sheriff Hurley today made every employee now working in the Grand Rapids furniture factories affected by the strike a deputy sheriff.

Train Collide, Nobody Hurt.

Pittsburg, June 15.—Train No. 12, the Duquesne limited, Baltimore and Ohio railroad, east bound, met with an accident tonight at Ohio Pyle, 75 miles east of this city. It dashed into an extra freight train. Information here is to the effect that the engine of the passenger train was derailed and demolished, while four freight cars were wrecked. Not a passenger or member of the crew was hurt, it is said.

Sweethearts Drown While Boating.

Davona, Fla., June 16.—A husband and wife and Christine Nichols, 37, sweethearts, were drowned while boating on the Great Miami river today. The couple, with Gladys Thirkield, 17, in passing under a bridge, waved to friends above, upsetting the boat. Miss Thirkield caught hold of scaffolding around a new pier and saved her life.

London's Gay Social Whirl

"EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY," ROYALTY'S SLOGAN.

LONG SERIES OF FUNCTIONS

Two Mammoth Dinners in Prospect—Coronation Fancy Costume Ball Last Night—Stupendous Illuminations.

London, June 16.—London presents an ever-changing pageant to the sight-seeking eyes of the world. The coloring of the street decorations is now heightened by the vivid garb of the coronation visitors who are arriving in quick succession. Sultans, rajahs and Chinese and Abyssinian delegates with their ladies in picturesque, glittering, national costumes are everywhere to be seen.

A Russian Wedding.

Today the wedding of a Russian competitor at the horse show was celebrated in Russian style, the bridal party driving through the streets in a

coronation fancy costume ball last night—stupendous illuminations.

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